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LOCKHEED SCANDAL: INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST "JORNAL NOVO" OF MARCH 13 CARRIED FULL-PAGE ROUND-UP OF ARTICLES ON LOCKHEED. BANNER HEADLINE WAS "LOCKHEED - A GLOBAL SCANDAL: CORRUPTION ON FOUR CONTINENTS" LEAD ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT IF AT FIRST GLANCE THE SCANDAL INVOLVED ONLY AMERICANS, THE TRUTH IS THAT "CORRUPTION ALWAYS INVOLVES TWO PARTIES, AND THERE WERE MANY OTHERS BESIDES THE AMERICANS WHO SHOWED THEMSELVES WILLING TO BE INVOLVED." SEPARATE COMMENTARY SAID: "THERE ARE NO MAJOR DOUBTS THAT THE PENTAGON DID LITTLE TO DISSUADE THE PRACTICE OF BRIBES.... THE PENTAGON WAS ENGAGED IN PROTECTING LOCKHEED AND NORTHROP FROM THE EFFECT OF THESE REVELATIONS (OF BRIBES) ... AND THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES WHICH FOLLOWED. BUT BOTH THE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS NOW WILL HAVE TO TAKE ON THE TASK OF CORRECTING TRADE METHODS -- ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF ARMS TRADE. THE PROOF OF CORRUPTION REGARDING FIRMS DEALING WITH DEFENSE MATTERS RAISES THE QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY ARE THESE COMPANIES SUPPOSED TO BE DEFENDING"?

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